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Also enclosed is a copy of the search report in PCT Application No. PCT/EP02/00545 on which the present application is based. The category designated for each document indicates the relevance of the document in the view of the searching authority.

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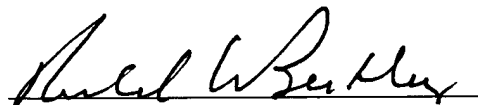
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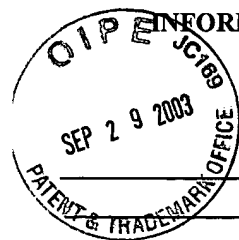
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